

THE SPIRIT OF LEADERSHIP

1. "TAKE ME TO YOUR LEADING"

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Sermon Notes

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." Acts 1:1-5

Jesus' Ascension Establishes THE HOLY SPIRIT AS OUR LEADER

I. Ephesians 1:13-14

¹³ **And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.**

The Holy Spirit Leads Us BY VALIDATING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

This is how we know we're living steadily and deeply in him, and he in us: He's given us life from his life, from his very own Spirit. 1 John 4:13 MSG

II. John 16:12-15

¹² **"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear.**

¹³ **But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known**

to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

The Holy Spirit Leads Us TO KNOW TRUTH

It gave me great joy when some believers came and testified about your faithfulness to the truth, telling how you continue to walk in it. ⁴ I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth. 3 John 1:3-4

III. Galatians 5:16-25

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit Leads Us TO TRANSFORMATION SO OUR LIVES REFLECT JESUS

For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image. 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 NLT

IV. 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.... ⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

The Holy Spirit Leads Us TO USE HIS GIFTS TO REVEAL GOD’S LOVE TO OTHERS

¹⁰ Each of you has received a gift to use to serve others. Be good servants of God’s various gifts of grace. ¹¹ Anyone who speaks should

Speak words from God. Anyone who serves should serve with the strength God gives so that in everything God will be praised through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 4:10-11